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NAVY DEPOT SITE—Twenty-six-acre plot, outlined here, once the Torrance Navy Supply Depot, now declared surplus, is the land which the Torrance School Board would like to earmark for future development. Planning Commission says it

should be set aside for industry. Outlined area here, looking southwest, shows Torrance High School at center, left, with Crenshaw Blvd. at top right.

CITY LEADERS BATTLE OVER 26-ACRE SITE

Civic Planners Oppose Expansion

By Harry L. Lechtman

Torrance, bursting through its shortened sleeves of growth, faces a strong dilemma. The antagonists here are

At current rates of \$25,000 per acre, the land might bring \$600,000 or more, if made available to private industry. The school board, in its search for additional land to expand its facilities, might get the site for a ten percent cost, or \$60,000.

However, the Federal government, through its General Services Agency, in charge of disposing surplus property, which has as its yardstick "the greatest national benefit," has refused to make the land available to the Torrance School Board. It has ruled that the property be offered for public sale.

Up in arms is Superintendent Hull, "We hoped to use this land to expand the athletic facilities in the Torrance High School campus, which is less than half as big as the other school campuses. In the future, we had hoped that we might use the Navy land and other adjoining it as the possible site of another high school."

"This district has grown from 1900 pupils in 1947 to an expected 27,000 this fall," says Hull. "Torrance schools will have 3000 kindergartners this fall. In about ten years, we will have approximately 12,000 high school students, if none else moves into the city."

"The capacity of North, South and West High will be about 2500 each. Torrance High's capacity is about 1200. The School Board feels that it is looking after the best interests of the taxpayers in planning ahead to get land as cheaply as possible, since land prices are going up continually," Hull maintains.

The city council and the city recreation commission have both endorsed this bid by the school district, Hull announces, "and even if the government has turned down our bid, we are not going to give up. School sites are expensive and hard to find, and we must think of the future," Hull adds.

Planning Commission President Bert Lynn is unhesitatingly vocal on the opposing view. "We have numerous new industries in Torrance, and we have many inquiries from companies ready to move into town. This area has always been industrial and should remain this way."

Echoing Lynn's view is Torrance Planning Director, George Powell. "If this land were made available for industrial development, I am sure there are many industries who would like to have



BERT LYNN
Planning Commission

the school board, headed by Superintendent J. H. Hull vs. the City Planning Commission, and its chief spokesman, President Bert Lynn. The issue: a twenty six acre plot of land at the southern end of the Torrance Navy Depot, on Crenshaw Blvd. north of Sepulveda. In full use during the war years, it was declared surplus a year and a half ago.

Suspects Booked for Possession of Marijuana

Picked up and booked by the Torrance police Friday were William Fyer Franey and Trevor Lee Cox of Gardena, who were charged with suspicion of possession of marijuana.

The pair was driving north on Western Ave. in a three-wheel motorcycle when a patrol car stopped the cycle for not having a license tag in sight.

Questioning the two, the officer noticed a bottle of whiskey in the rear. After further interrogation, a package of alleged marijuana was found wrapped in wax paper.

Answering inquiries about the open whiskey bottle, Franey answered that he was taking it to his home for a birthday party. The address given was checked and found to be the location of a cemetery.

Ragged Thief Takes Wear From Visitor

Over \$500 worth of clothing were stolen from the car of William B. Mainwaring Thursday at 9 a.m. as his auto was parked on 218th St. Mainwaring, visitor from Florida, said he went into an apartment house at that location, finding his car broken into and suitcases stolen when he returned.

A suspect, needing a shave, was seen driving away in a red sportscar.

Been Tooled

Five hundred dollars worth of tools were stolen from the auto of Roy M. Roberts who had his car parked in the lot of Torrance Park at 9:55 p.m. Thursday.

Garden tools, estimated at a value of \$33.70, were taken from the yard of Pearl S. Shiota Thursday at 2:10 a.m.

The woman reported a lawn edger, hose, pruning shears, hand shears, and a claw hammer missing.

Stealing a purse containing \$24 and identification papers, a thief entered the Torrance Masonic Lodge and confiscated it as it was left unattended.

The owner was Mrs. Vivian Hardy, 3308 Huber St.

Youths Present Hobo Day Outing

Youngsters dressed as "knights of the road" will participate in a "hobo day" outing planned Tuesday at Paradise Park, Ellinwood Ave. and Lee St.

Featured during the 1:30 p.m. event will be a costume parade and appropriate games.

Special activities this week at other play areas:

TORRANCE PARK — Discovery trip, Monday; cook-out, noon Wednesday; scenery building and rehearsal, 2 p.m. Thursday; play "Tale of a Dragon," 2:20 p.m. Friday.

EL RETIRO PARK — Vaudeville show, 2 p.m. Monday; bicycle rodeo, 1 p.m. Tuesday; P.O.P. trip, 10 a.m. Wednesday; movies, pet show, 11 a.m. Thursday; games and contests, 2 p.m. Friday.

Water Project Comes Before Local Voters

Torrance residents, together with voters throughout the state, will be called upon at the general election Nov. 8 to vote on the proposed \$1,750,000,000 bond issue to finance the Feather River Project, which has, as one of its objectives, the importation of Northern California water to Southern California, the Chamber of Commerce disclosed recently.

The chamber has been advised by officials of the Metropolitan Water District, the major water distribution agency in the state, and of which Torrance is a part, that it has been carrying on negotiations with the State Water Resources Department, seeking to obtain a contract for delivery of water from Northern California to meet the city's growing population needs.

The people of Torrance, together with the other cities and areas comprising the district, will be called upon to pay from 55 to 60 percent of the cost of the Feather River Project.

Torrance, as a part of the district is greatly concerned in the submission of a water contract between the state and the district that will assure our people a future water supply adequate for their needs under fair and equitable contract terms," the chamber proclaimed.

It added that the city is urging Governor Edmund G. Brown to call upon state officials engaged in water contract negotiations to prepare and submit a proposed contract with the district.

Police Arrest Youths at Palos Verdes Bowl

Two men were placed under arrest for suspicion of armed robbery and suspicion of carrying concealed weapons Friday at midnight at Palos Verdes Bowl.

When the suspects, David Allan Fuller of Lomita, and Charles Von Martin of Harbor City, both 19, were interrogated, a bull whip, .38 pistol, rusty chain, and .38 blanks were found in their possession.

Broncs Kick-Off Rodeo Celebration at Center

Greeting buckers from all over the United States, Torrance will present the annual Rancho Days Rodeo with bronco busting, roping, and steer riding Saturday and Sunday at the Civic Center.

Co-sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Mounted Police, the rodeo will be the climax of the Rancho Days celebration

lasting for 11 days. The festivities opened last week with a carnival at the center. Women's clubs, Torrance civic organizations, and religious groups sponsored booths at the event.

Proceeds from the events of this celebration will go to sponsor Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena in January.

New Bus Station Offers Relief From 100-Degree Heat Wave

The first transit line in Southern California with its own bus station is the latest addition to Torrance's growth and progress.

Dedicated with impressive ribbon-cutting ceremonies this week, the new bus station represents an intensive campaign by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the downtown Retail Merchants Association.

Located at El Prado, and Cabrillo, across from the Pacific Electric Depot, the new station will be the starting point for all Torrance Municipal buses.

In addition to serving as a sheltered waiting room for bus passengers, the station contains a large map and schedules enabling transfers and connections to be made with a minimum of delay, according to Marshall Chamberlain, Superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Wash rooms and rest rooms are included in the new station.

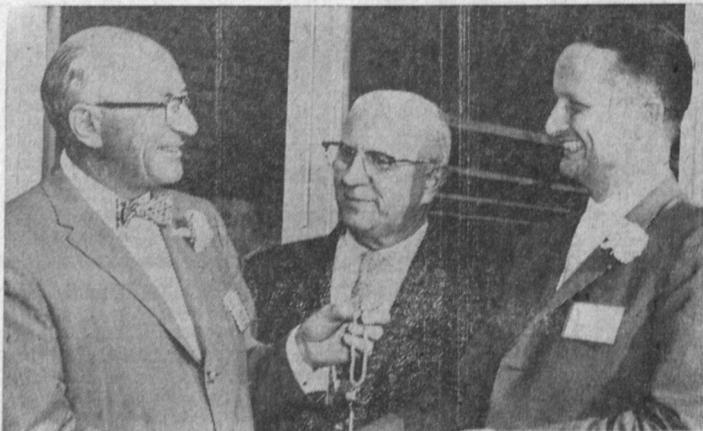
Members of the City Council joined Mayor Albert Isen and downtown business leaders in the ribbon-cutting dedication.

Park Department Sponsors Reunion

A reunion of youngsters who have attended Camp Clatawa sessions sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department is planned for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at El Nido Park, 18301 Kingsdale Ave.

The outing will feature films of the camp, a campfire program and an outline of activities planned during this year's week-long stay at the resort.

Reservations now are being made by the department for the program, Aug. 20 through 27.



OPEN HOUSE—Torrance citizens, accustomed to new construction and openings with every turn of their heads, were welcomed at another this week, as the Bank of America polished up the handles of their

front doors at Main and Carson. Participating in the event here are (left to right), Ralph E. Ogle, branch manager, and Supervisor Burton Chace.

Third Bank of America Branch Opens in Torrance Area

Southern California's newest money temple, the Bank of America at Main and Carson, flung wide its doors this week as it welcomed Torrance citizens to its 689th domestic branch.

With the Los Caballeros Youth Band on hand, an internationally noted coin collector Cyrus Phillips displaying his collection, a Gold Rush contest reminiscent of the stagecoach strong-box days of the Early West, and refreshments, the throng of visitors were shown every facet of the bank's operation.

who turned out for the dedication, and extended an invitation to area residents to stop at the bank and register in the "Gold Rush Contest," which runs through Aug. 5.

Harbor Hospital Ground Breaking Started Monday

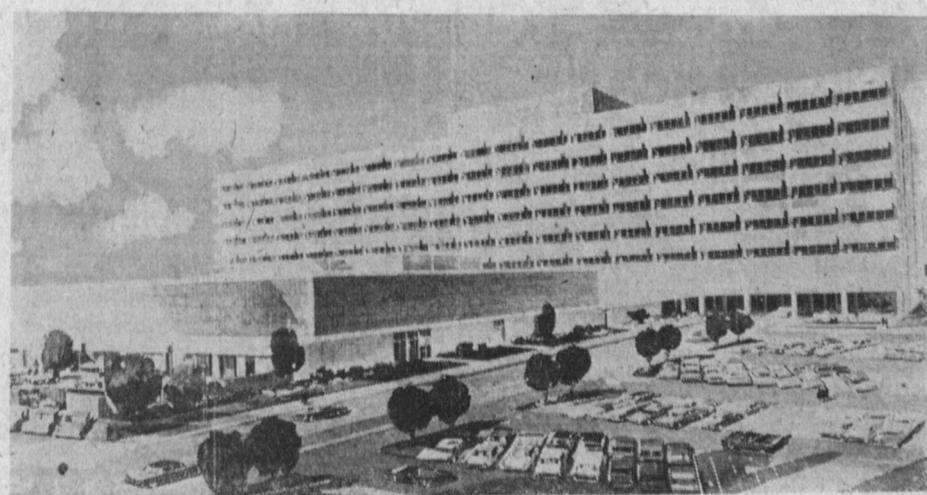
Groundbreaking ceremonies marking the beginning of construction for Los Angeles County's new 11 1/2-million-dollar Harbor General Hospital Acute Unit and Outpatient Building will be held Monday, July 25, 1960, 3:30 p.m., at 1124 W. Carson St., Torrance.

County Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn, Superintendent of Charities William A. Barr, and Alfred Thomas, Director of Harbor General Hospital, will participate in the event.

The Main and Carson branch, part of the largest privately owned bank in the world, with resources exceeding 11 billion, is located at 180 E. Carson St.

equipped for all medical and auxiliary purposes. The two-story outpatient building is planned to handle 9000 patients per month. Specified construction time is two years.

Also present at the groundbreaking will be Lou Griffiths of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce; John A. Lambie, County Engineer; C. R. Schoeppe, Chief of the Capital Projects Division, architects Paul Williams, Welton Becket, Adrian Wilson, Frances Heusel and Lemar Wilson of Robert E. McKee Contractors.



GROUND BREAKING—The first shovel of dirt will be turned Monday, July 25, at 1124 West Carson St., marking the beginning of construction culminating in Torrance's newest medical facility, Harbor General Hospital. Welton Becket, Adrian

Wilson, Paul R. Williams and Francis J. Heusel are the architects of the 11 1/2 million dollars structure. Completion date is set for 1962.

Police Arraign Murder Suspect

Arrested and arraigned, Russell Richard Caccamese of Gardena will be brought to the South Bay Municipal court for his preliminary hearing July 29 at 10:30 a.m. for suspicion of murder.

The suspect is accused with the murder of Madeleine May Acevedo, 23, of Torrance who was shot in the head at her home.

The police claim that Caccamese, 34, shot the woman, then shot himself in the arm to turn suspicion away from himself.

Police Chief Ray Tracey indicated that information received from an autopsy as well as from witnesses indicated that the woman did not shoot Caccamese then commit suicide.